PERSONAL STORIES.

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

President Roosevelt's daughter, Mrs. any sign of lagging or disinclination to Off puffed the man of importance to the Nicholas Longworth, it must not be for- work. gotten that there is another daughter Mrs. Marie von Vorst, who has done ness, on account of the supposed nearness of the White House living in Washington. much sincere and effective work in the of the distinguished object of his search. known the distinction of being the first lady of the land. She was the mistress of the White House from September, 1842, shortly after her mother's death, until the remarriage of her father, in the spring of 1844. A coincidence in the careers of John Tyler and Theodore Roosevelt is that both were nominated for the Vice Presidency in order to side-track them, both were elected to office by the death of their superiors, and both were cut off from communication when

ple was a little girl when Lafayette made ton to Baltimore, and later was given a accent' causes him to kindle with right-picce of the original Atlantic cable by Samuel F. B. Morse himself. She was present at the launching of the Alle- Few people have a more thorough enof the White House, familiar personages in public life were Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, Sam Houston George Bancroft, Washington Irving, Andrew Jackson, John Quincy Adams, and Martin Van Buren. Zachary Taylor had not yet won his spurs in the Mexican war, and Abraham Lincoln's gaunt figure had not yet appeared on the national horizon.

Mrs. Semple has witnessed four wars in which the United States were partially or wholly involved-the Texas revolution, the Mexican war, the civil war, and the Spanish-American war. She has seen the acquisition of the territory now embracing Texas, California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and the more recent additions resulting from the war with Spain. Mrs. Semple has seen a line of fifteen Presidents take their seat in the White House since her day, and, although repeatedly invited by all of them to dine at the first mansion in the land, she has never accepted their hospitality. For some reason she has never been in the White House since the time when she was its mistress.

She leads a quiet life in the Louise Home for the Aged in Washington, where she loves to sit on the quiet balcony before her room and look down over the marble court with its palms and flowers. On the day I called upon her a from President Roosevelt. As I went away, this fine old lady-the other daughter of the White House-was holding her roses and listening to the music of a piano somewhere off in the palms. I wonder what her day dreams are like as she rocks in her easy chair and calls up the memories of that long, long ago?

John M. Nixon, of Montana, who will succeed William A. Clark in the United States Senate in March, tells how he once had an appointment with a ghost. The incident occurred when a "bad man" of Montana, with many notches on his gun, was hanged for murder at Misoula. the new Senator's home. The condemned man looked forward to his end with fortitude and told Mr. Dixon that he was certain there was an after life, and that the immortal part of man could go about freely after death. He made a solemn pledge that he would come and tap on Mr. Dixon's door in Washington at midnight on the day of the hanging. On the date of the execution Mr. Dixon sat up until midnight, but there was no knock. He was about to retire in disappointment, when he happened to remember that there was a difference of three hours between the time in Montana and Washington, and that probably the ghost was running on the Western schedule. He waited three hours more, but the knock never came. After this unfulfillment Mr. Dixon does not believe in ghosts, but he thinks he is the first man on earth to direct speculative inquiry as to what time is kept in the Great Beyond.

The first woman civil engineer in the United States is Miss Nora Stanton Blatch, granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton. She was recently appointed a member of the staff of civil engineers having in charge the work on the new \$160,000,000 Catskill system that has been added to the New York water supply Miss Blatch received her training at Cornell, where she was the only woman in the class. At first it is said the men students purposely chose long trails, hard climbs, and almost impassable barriers in the attempt to tire her out, but she donned short skirts and bloomers and managed to keep up with the best of them, thus winning their respect and admiration. Before her election to this staff Miss Blatch was offered a most flattering position in China, the offer coming through a high-class Chinese official sent here to organize a corps of engineers for work in the Flowery Kingdom. She was recently elected a member of the American Society of Engineers, and was the first woman to be so henored.

At the time of the great disaster in San Francisce, many people encountered experiences there which were almost as unusual and unexpected as the earthquake itself. Willie Collier's theatrical company was just ready to sail from that port to Australia, and as a result of being alive and evidently able-bodied, all the men in the company were rounded up by the enterprising soldiers and put to work. The tasks were labor of the hardest kind, and Mr. Collier was required to shuck his coat and work for three hours lifting heavy timbers and clearing away debris. John Barrymore, a brother of the actress, Ethel Barrymore, was put to trench digging for the prescribed three hours. By his side was the secretary of state for California, whose official dignity meant nothing to the burly representa tives of Uncle Sam. All were prodded

a reigning belle in her day, but she has labor in the United States, has, like most swered the man, who had been ques were cut off from communication when Providence promoted them to the Presishe should have our new bookkeeper, who dency. When the messenger bearing was just from New England. He was a bits of work was that of illustrating and his last visit to America, and a young ant Southern boy, who spoke with the alone. A great work of hers that won lady before the Seminole Indians were customary drawling, negro accent of the much admiration was the decoration of finally pacified in Florida, it would seem people of that section. You ought to have the Illinois Building at the Chicago fair. that she almost belongs to another age. seen that Boston bookkeeper! He simply She saw the first telegraph wire in the sawed the atmosphere into segments, and United States stretched from Washing- even now the mere mention of his 'negro

in it. One day, while the clever "Fra Elbertus" was working in the fields with some of his pupils, indistinguishable from the rest of the workers, in his blue denim "come and hold my horse." The the reins and waited. "Where is Mr. Hubbard's office?" snapped the important one. "Over there at the workshop; first In the great interest that is taken in into line with the bayonet when there was turn to the left," was the polite reply "Where is Mr. Hubbard?" he asked, with a little more show of polite-Mrs. Letitla Tyler-Semple was not only effort to amenorate the evils of child "Oh, you want to see Mr. Hubbard," an-

> nearly all correct, except the allusion to Adelphi. This is usually called "The her guide, the dignified youth only three Quarter," and her best work was done in weeks down from Boston. She said she the house where Garrick once lived. She was shown through the plant by a pleas- has spent months on heraldic designs

> > To-morrow - The all - absorbing "Servant Question."

W. P. Hutton Must Pay Alimony. Chief Justice Clabaugh yesterday issued in order directing William P. Hutton, who is employed in the Bureau of Engraving

The absurd lengths to which women go in their search for beauty would overalls, a man of importance came driv- make interesting reading to those who are given to deriding the sex if a history ing swiftly up to the fence, and sprang could be printed and scattered broadcast. Fat women want to be thin and thin Work of Famous American to the ground. "Here, John," he called, women endeavor to gain flesh. There are women struggling to keep their comcomponsity, to the nearest blue denim plexions, to keep wrinkles at bay, and retain the color of their hair, and every one of us is waging an eternal warfare against decay with the aid of a dentist's blue denim boy came and obediently took valuable services. The latter struggle does not properly belong in the absurdity class, for sound teeth are necessary to health.

their promises. I do not know why a woman should be charged more for a the nerves and is beneficial to the skin. The care of the nails has become an for the details of their own toilet call upon the services of professional maniknown the distinction of being the first writers who see things in a limited time, tioned, his eye twinkling as he looked and hair dressing, and some women spend whole afternoons in the hands of those who make beautifying a lucrative business.

> Nobody finds much fault with these comparatively harmless aids to comeliness. Contempt and derision are saved for those who bear torture and take risks will give an exhibition of contemporaneous in surgical operations; those who buy everything advertised and have a supreme American art in the gallery on Seven disregard for consequences, and those who are so imprudent as to omit necessary precautions against letting the world into their toilet secrets. We are a nothing but oil paintings, and will in most imprudent lot, it seems, since we expose our sins and weaknesses to unfeeling eyes. Instead of secretly reveling in a bargain, we take our friends who our confidence and lose the effect high-priced articles would give. We air our All of America's best known artists have domestic grievances and disclose our plans before we test them, all of which been asked to compete for the thre-

One of the sickest women I ever saw was the victim of a medicine warranted to the public that the gallery will l the news of the death of President William Henry Harrison reached the William Henry Harrison reached the limpress her with his manners and fin which the present King of England carried handsome proportions; she lost a few pounds in weight during her illness and during which time necessary preparation. Tyler plantation in Virginia, he found the new executive playing marbles with the new executive playing marbles and new executive playing marbles with the new executive playing marbles and new executive playing marbles with the new executive playing marbles and new executive playing marbles are necessarily n emaciation. Plenty of sleep and nourishing food in small quantities and fre- taken down and stowed away to make quent doses will put layers of flesh over the bones of the ordinary woman. room for the paintings to be shown in Nervous wear and tear caused by undue activity are the usual causes of emacia- competition. It is expected fully 400 pic tion and removing the cause remedies the effect, generally.

Good complexions are inheritances, sometimes, but they are not proof against injury. Bad skins need a deal of encouragement to be better, and giving it is Many other noted paintings by known o be highly recommended. When a girl performs the trick that kept one of my sex in bed for three days, she is too silly to worry over. Her skin was tors will be made, the free and pay days fairly good, but lacked color, and there was to be a dancing party at which she holding the same as always. desired to shine. She had heard that oil of cinnamon rubbed upon the cheeks would give a beautiful bloom, calculated to last many hours, so she bought the beautifier and retired to her dressing-room. What she did not know was that cold water was necessary to set the oil into activity, and that she discovered ghany, the first iron ship in the United joyment of a joke than Elbert Hubbard, and Printing, to pay his wife, Mary Hut-States navy to be propelled by steam. the famous founder of the Roycroft shops. In the days when she was the daughter and especially when he can have a part divorce proceedings instituted by her.

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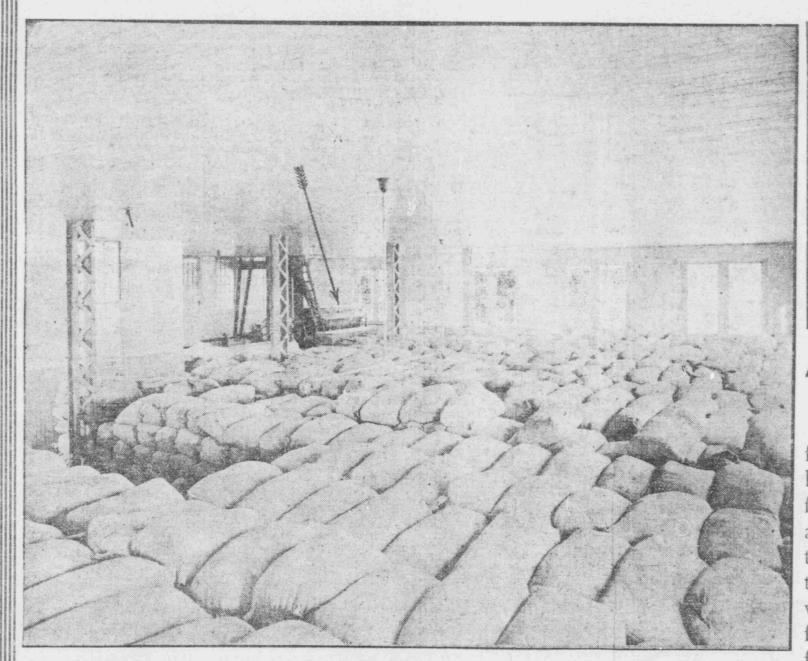
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